

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
June 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) came to order at 9:00 am on June 08, 2022. The meeting was held in the Elizabeth J. Hickerson Hearing Room at 2221 E. Northern Lights Boulevard in Anchorage, Alaska with remote participation via Webex and teleconference.

Brackets [] indicate an agenda item number and that an information packet is included in the meeting binder. Asterisks * indicate that no information was included in the meeting binder.

Attendance:

Commission: Anne Helzer, Chair
Suzanne Hancock, Commissioner (remote)
Richard Stillie, Commissioner
Lanette Blodgett, Commissioner
Dan LaSota, Commissioner

Staff: Heather Hebdon, Executive Director
Thomas Lucas, Campaign Disclosure Coordinator (remote)
Heather Dalberg, Paralegal (remote)
Charles Stormont, Paralegal (remote)
Anne Prysunka, Law Office Assistant

Dept. of Law: Kimber Rodgers, Assistant Attorney General
Morgan Griffin, Assistant Attorney General (remote)

Attendees: Andree Mcleod, Observer (remote)
Barbara Haney, Observer (remote)
Jennifer Stryker, Alaska IE Center
Bill Falsey, Counsel for Alaska IE Center

Candidate CPAS

Rep. Chris Tuck
Sen. Peter Micciche (remote)
Connie Dougherty (remote)

Group CPAs

Lindsay Kavanaugh, Alaska Democratic Party
Mike Wenstrup, Alaska Democratic Party
Monica Southworth, Alaska Democratic Party (remote)

POFD CPAS

Ron Bernier (remote)

ON RECORD: 9:00 A.M.

Chair Helzer took a roll call of the Commissioners present and called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda [*]

Commissioner LaSota moved to approve the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as written.

Approval of Meeting Minutes [01]

- January 26, 2022
- February 28, 2022

Commissioner Stillie moved to approve the meeting minutes.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda, Group Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [02]

Tom Lucas presented the consent agenda for group civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Mike Wenstrup, on behalf of Alaska Democratic Party, requested items 1 and 2 be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner LaSota moved to remove items 1, 2, 3 and 4 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie Seconded the motion

The Commission voted 5-0 to remove items 1, 2, 3 and 4 from the consent agenda.

Group	Alaska Democratic Party
LATE REPORT	24 Hour Report due 12/08/21
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$5,000
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$5,000
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

Group	Alaska Democratic Party
LATE REPORT	24 Hour Report due 12/9/21
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$4,000
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$4,000
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

Mike Wenstrup appeared in-person on behalf of Alaska Democratic Party, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Lindsay Kavanaugh appeared in-person on behalf of Alaska Democratic Party, answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Stillie moved to take the matters under advisement in executive session.
Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.
The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matters under advisement in executive session.**

Group	Recall Rivera
LATE REPORT	Year End Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$50
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$50
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 50% to \$25.00

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.
Commissioner Blodgett seconded the motion.
The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.**

Group	Reclaim Anchorage
LATE REPORT	Year End Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$50
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$25
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 50% to \$12.50

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to accept staff's recommendation to reduce the penalty.
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.
The Commission voted 5-0 to accept staff's recommendation to reduce the penalty.**

Consent Agenda, Candidate Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [03]

Tom Lucas presented the consent agenda for candidate civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Sen. Peter Micciche requested item 5 be removed from the consent agenda.

Rep. Chris Tuck requested items 7 and 13 be removed from the consent agenda.

Tom Lucas requested item 8 be removed from the consent agenda.

Connie Dougherty requested item 9 be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie requested item 11 be removed from the consent agenda.

**Commissioner Stillie moved to remove items 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 13 from the consent agenda.
Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.
The Commission voted 5-0 to remove items 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 13 from, the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Blodgett moved to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, and 12 on the consent agenda.
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, and 12 on the consent agenda.

Candidate	Sen. Peter Micciche
LATE REPORT	2020 Public Office Expense Term Account Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$100
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$100
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 50% to \$50

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

Sen. Micciche appeared telephonically to give a brief statement and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.

Candidate	Rep. Chris Tuck
LATE REPORT	24 Hour Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$56,500
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$56,500
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

Rep. Chris Tuck appeared in-person, gave brief statement and answered questions from the Commission

**Commissioner Stillie moved to table the matter until the next meeting.
Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

The Commission voted 5-0 to table the matter until the next meeting.

Candidate	Chris Tuck
LATE REPORT	Year End Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$12,797
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$12,797
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Refer to AGO

Tom Lucas presented staff's proposed findings and order and answered questions from the Commission.

Rep Chris Tuck appeared in-person, gave brief statement and answered questions from the Commission

Commissioner Stillie moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.

Candidate	Connie Dougherty
LATE REPORT	Year End Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$1,000
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$1,000
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Refer to AGO

Tom Lucas presented staff's proposed findings and order and answered questions from the Commission.

Connie Dougherty appeared telephonically to give a brief statement and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner LaSota moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.

Candidate	Charisse Millet
LATE REPORT	Year End Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$150
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$75
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Refer to AGO

Tom Lucas presented staff's proposed findings and order and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner LaSota moved to amend staff's proposed findings and order to correct the amount of the penalty owed and to refer the matter to the AGO.

Commissioner Blodgett seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to amend staff's proposed findings and order to correct the amount of the penalty owed and to refer the matter to the AGO.

Consent Agenda, POFD Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [04]

Charles Stormont presented the consent agenda for POFD civil penalty appeals and referrals and requested items 10 and 21 be removed from the consent agenda. Item 10 was a penalty that had been paid and therefore resolved. Item 21 the filer filed the missing statement and would now have time to appeal the assessed penalty.

Commissioner LaSota requested item 16 be removed from the consent agenda.

Rob Bernier requested item 23 be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie moved to remove items 10, 16, 21 and 23 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Blodgett seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to remove items 10, 16, 21 and 23 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner LaSota moved to approve items 1-9, 11-15, 17-19, 22, and 24-28 on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie Seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5 to approve items 1-9, 11-15, 17-19, 22, and 24-28 on the consent agenda.

POFD Filer	Frank Lane
LATE REPORT	Annual POFD
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$100
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$50
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Refer to AGO

Charles Stormont presented staff's proposed findings and order and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner LaSota moved to return the item back to staff to establish a better record of service.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission agreed to have this returned to staff to reissue.

POFD Filer	Rob Bernier
LATE REPORT	Annual POFD
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$850
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$850
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Refer to AGO

Charles Stormont presented staff's proposed findings and order and answered questions from the Commission.

Rob Bernier appeared telephonically, gave a brief statement indicating he had now filed his missing statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Stillie moved to hold item 23 because the missing statement had been filed and the filer would now have an opportunity to appeal the assessed penalty.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to hold item 23 because the missing statement had been filed and the filer would now have an opportunity to appeal the assessed penalty.

Advisory Opinion 21-08-CD, Kelly Lessens [05]

Tom Lucas presented staff's draft advisory opinion and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner LaSota moved to take Advisory Opinion 21-08-CD under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to take Advisory Opinion 21-08-CD under advisement in executive session.

Advisory Opinion 21-11-CD, The Alaska Center [06]

Tom Lucas presented staff's draft advisory opinion and answered questions from the Commission.

Jennifer Stryker appeared in-person, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Bill Falsey appeared in-person, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Stillie moved to take Advisory Opinion 21-11-CD under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner Blodgett seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to take Advisory Opinion 21-11-CD under advisement in executive session.

Executive Directors Report [07]

Heather Hebdon presented the Executive Director's report, answered questions from the Commission, and presented the proposed FY23 meeting schedule.

Oral Hearing and Public Comment on Proposed Regulations [08]

Barbra Haney addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Andree McLeod addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Kimber Rogers addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Election of Officers

The Commission voted 5-0 for Anne Helzer to serve as Chair and Richard Stillie to serve as Vice Chair.

Commissioner LaSota moved to enter executive session.

Commissioner Blodgett seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to enter executive session.

OFF RECORD: 2:10 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJORNED